Historical Trends in Stream Discharge at Long-Term Gaging Stations in Idaho

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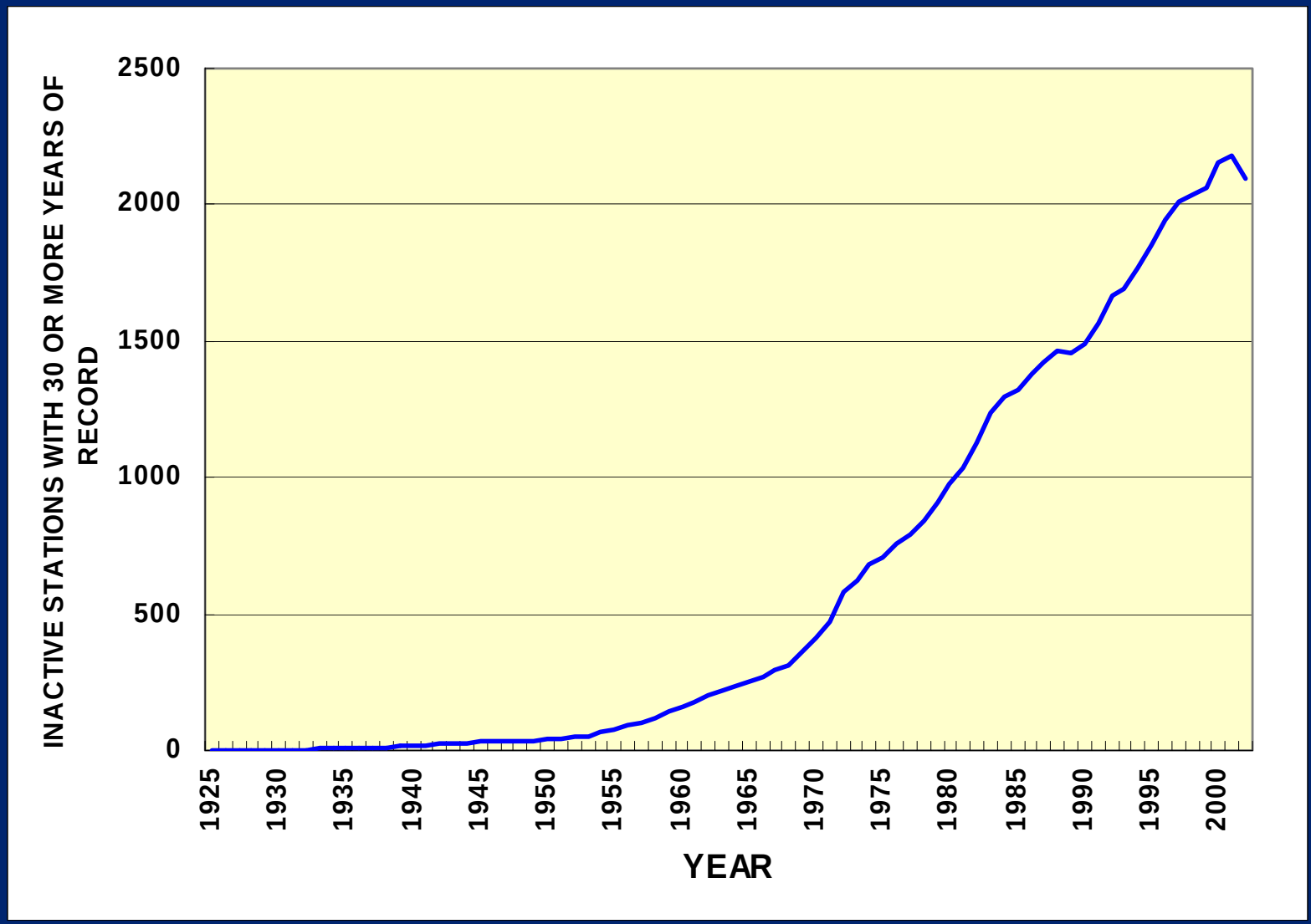
Cumulative Number of Discontinued Long-Term Gaging Stations Nationwide, 1925-2003



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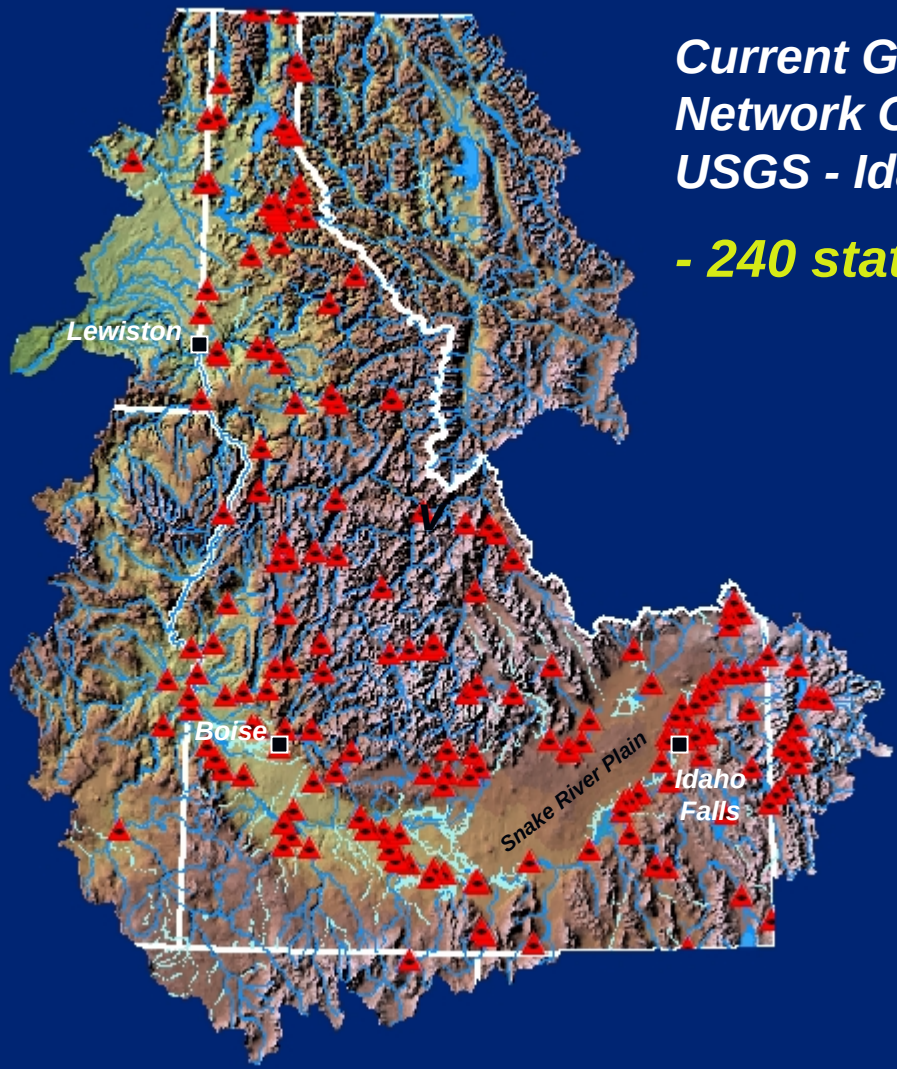

Current Gaging Station Network Operated by the USGS - Idaho District.

- 240 stations

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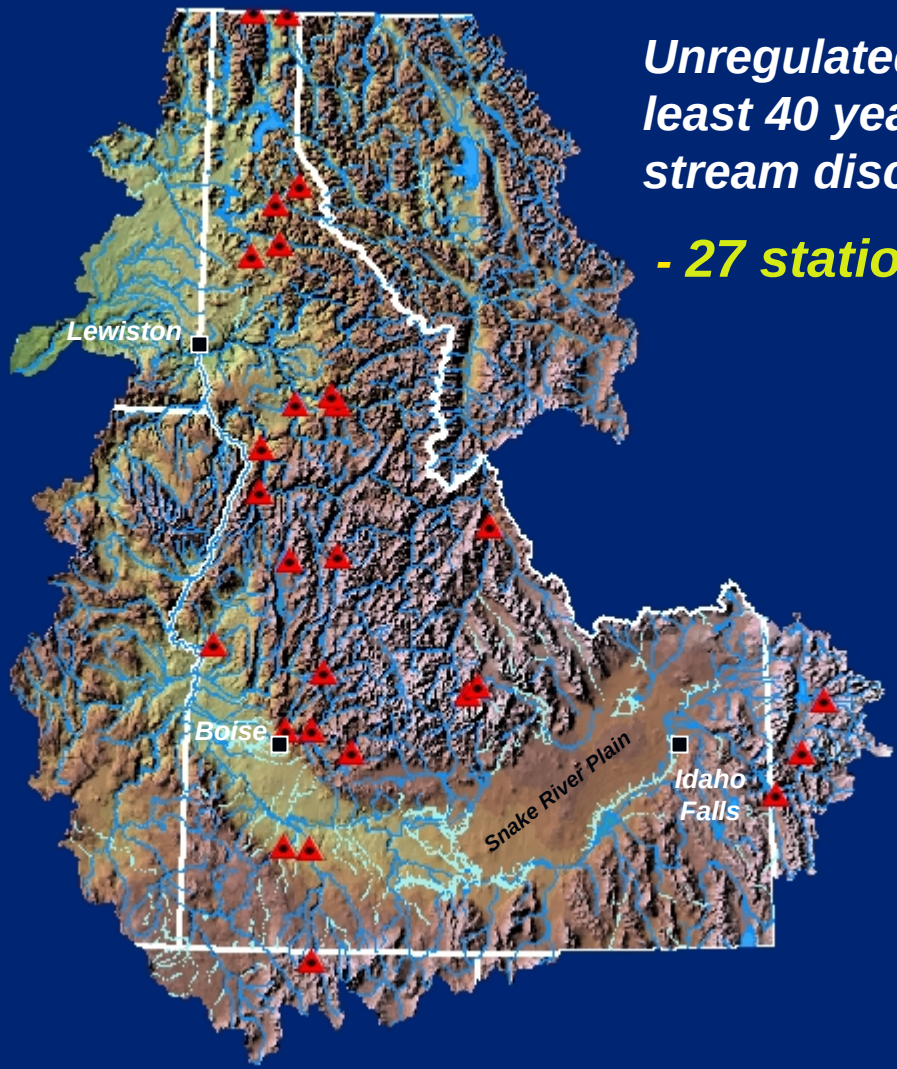

Unregulated streams with at least 40 years of continuous stream discharge information

- 27 stations

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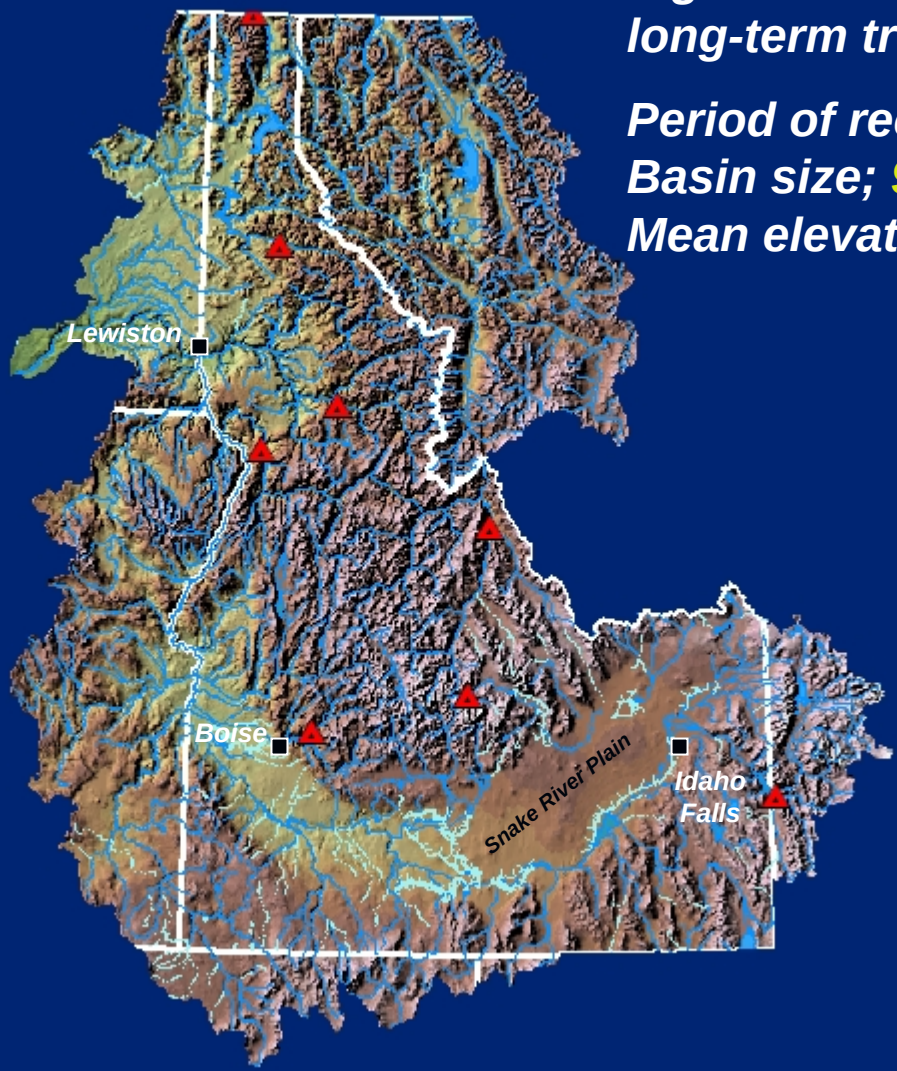

Eight stations used to evaluate long-term trends in discharge

Period of record; 50 – 92 years
Basin size; 97 – 13,550 mi²
Mean elevation; 4,480 – 8,660 ft

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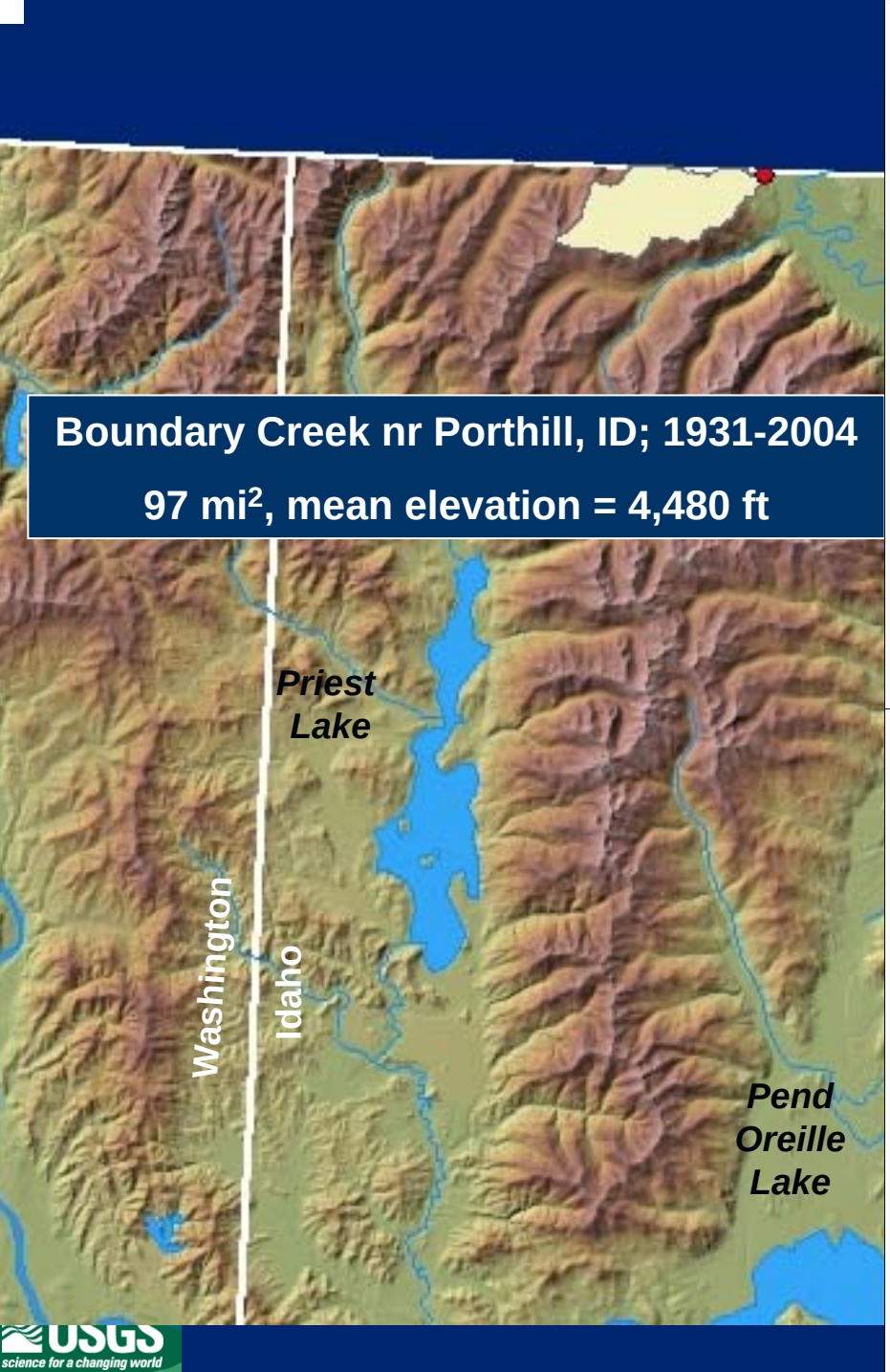
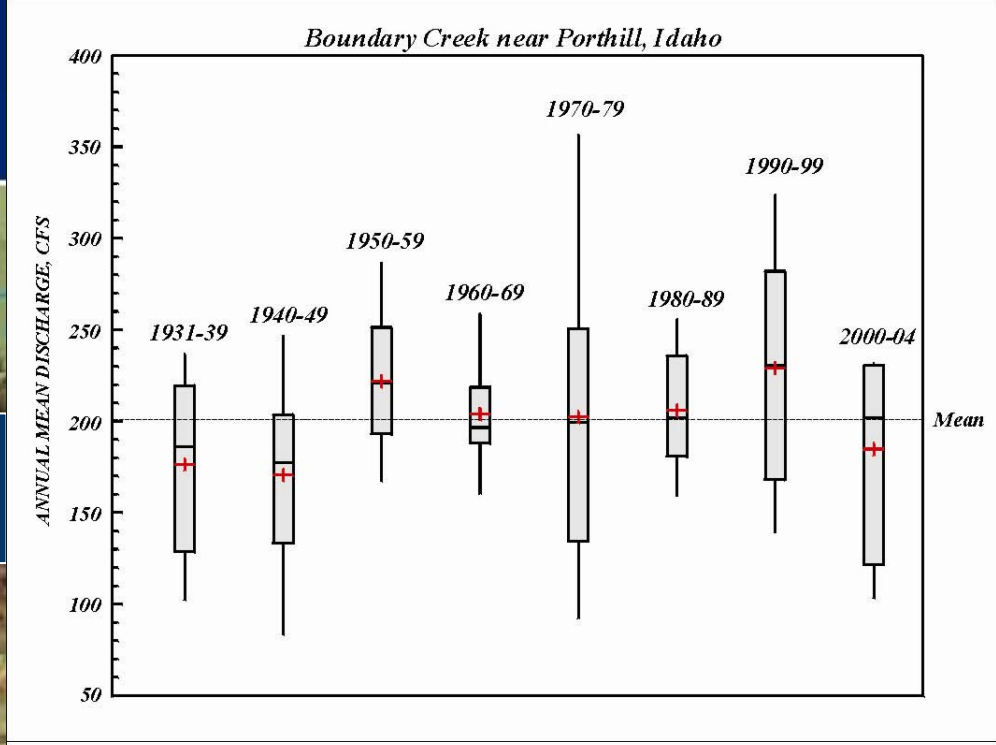
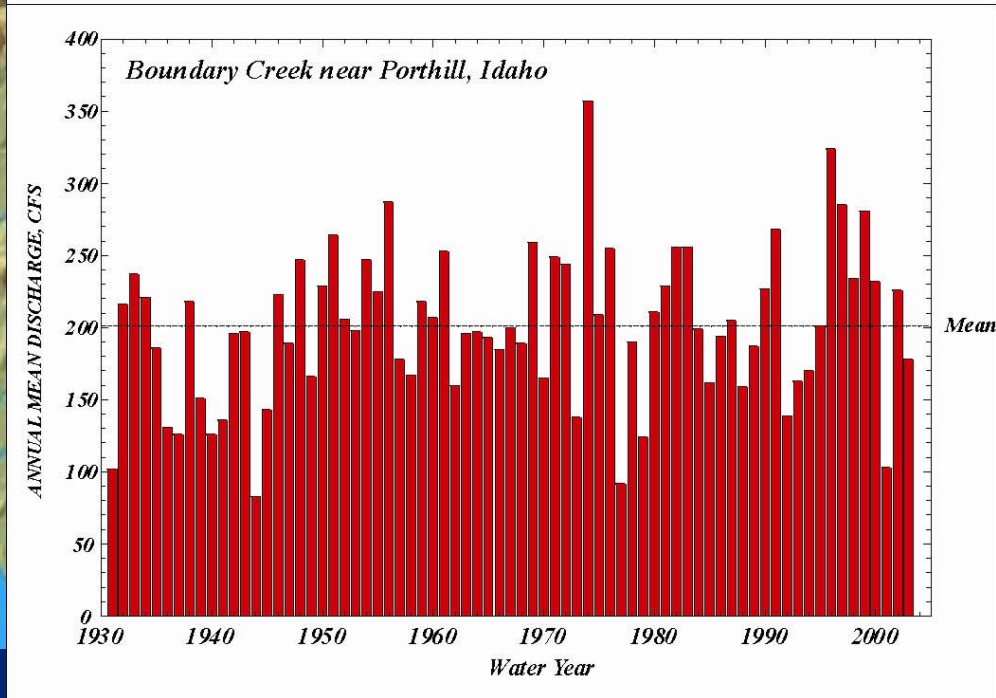

Boundary Creek nr Porthill, ID; 1931-2004
97 mi², mean elevation = 4,480 ft
Priest Lake
Washington
Idaho
Pend Oreille Lake


Boundary Creek near Porthill, Idaho
ANNUAL MEAN DISCHARGE, CFS
400
350
300
250
200
150
100
50
1931-39
1940-49
1950-59
1960-69
1970-79
1980-89
1990-99
2000-04
Mean


Boundary Creek near Porthill, Idaho
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400
350
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1930
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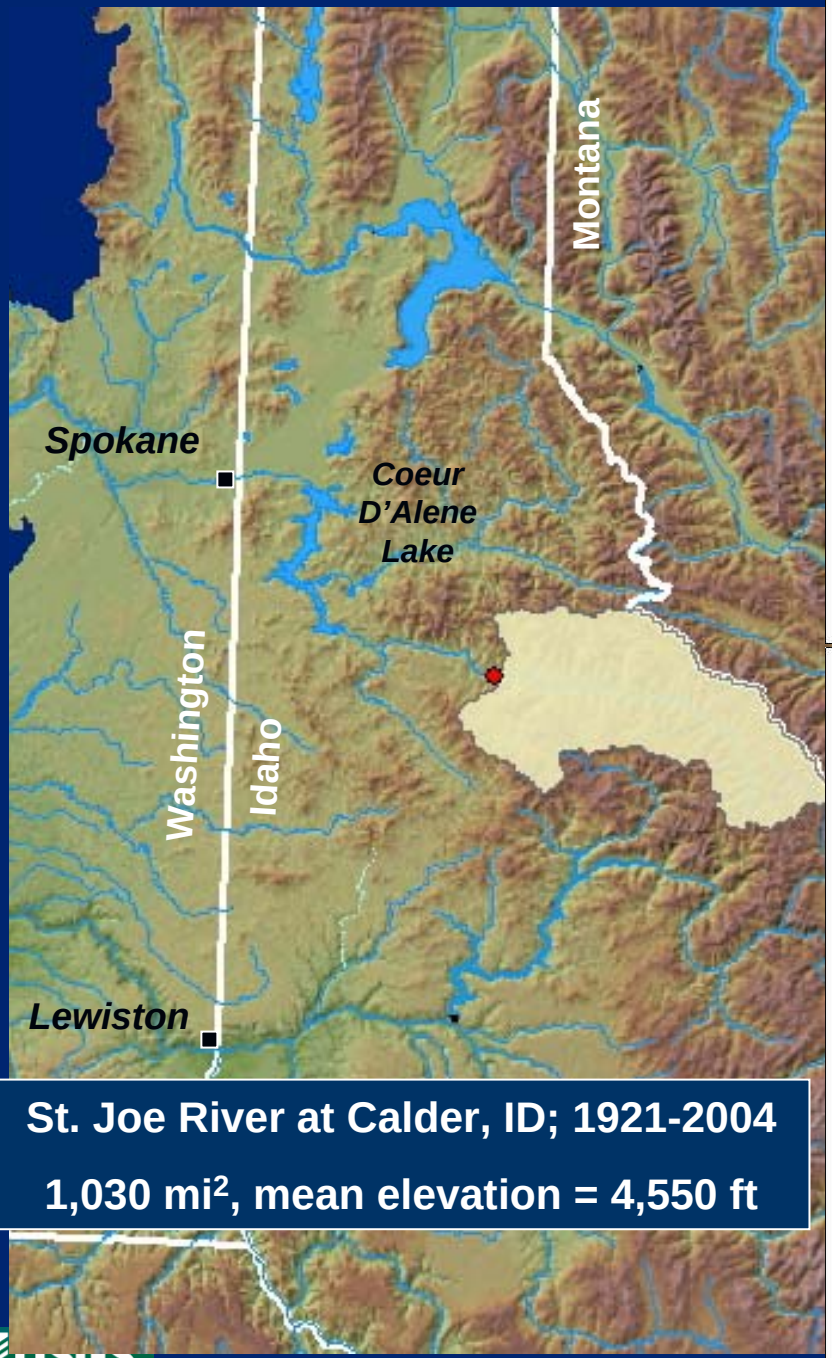
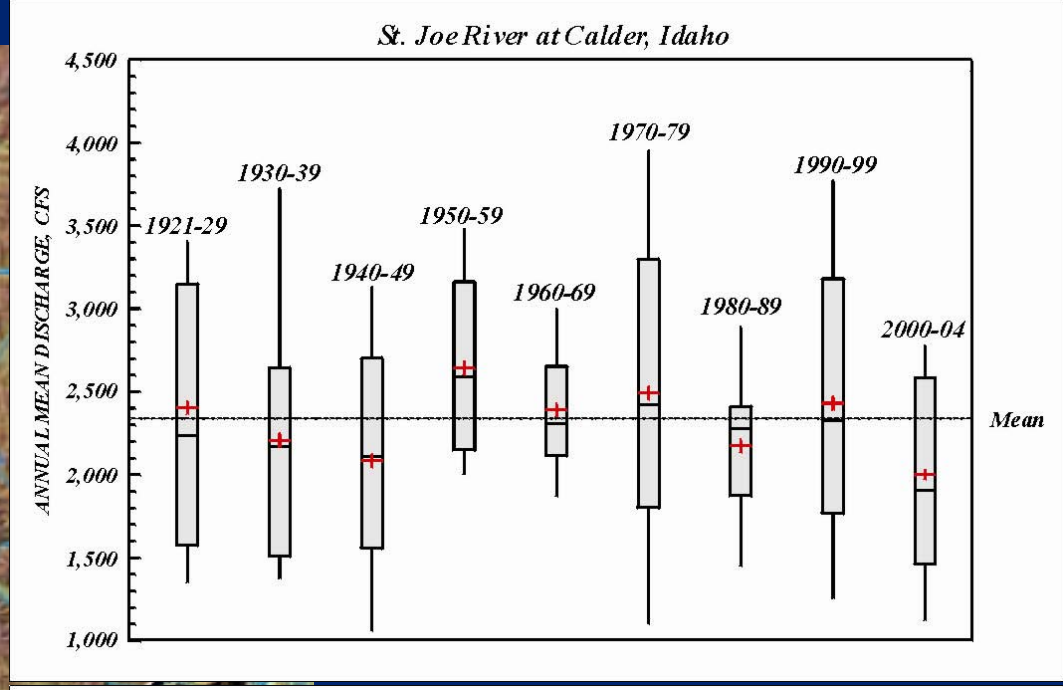
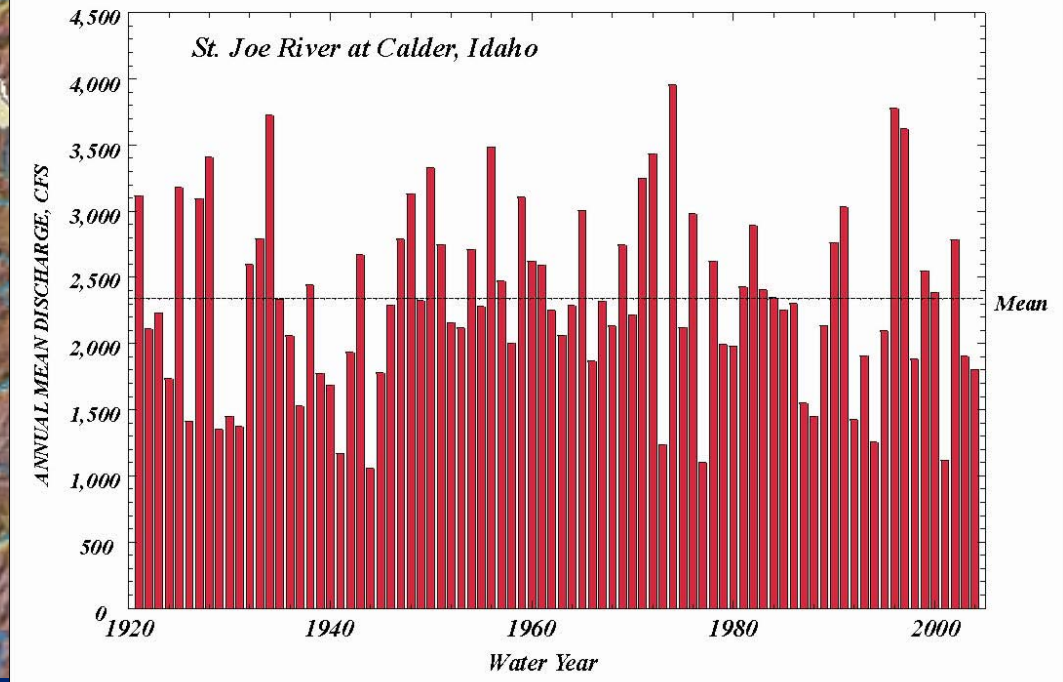
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
Water Year
Mean

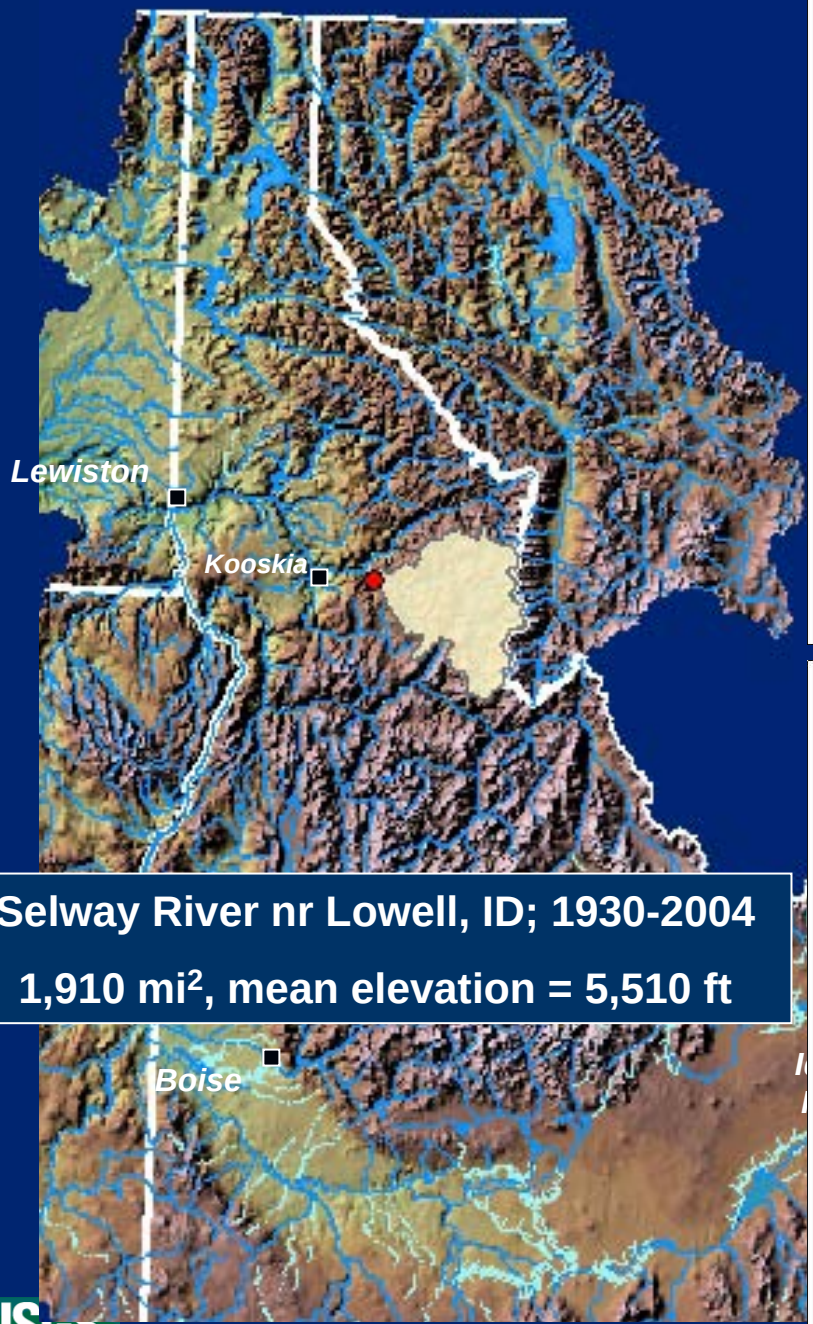


St. Joe River at Calder, ID; 1921-2004

1,030 mi², mean elevation = 4,550 ft

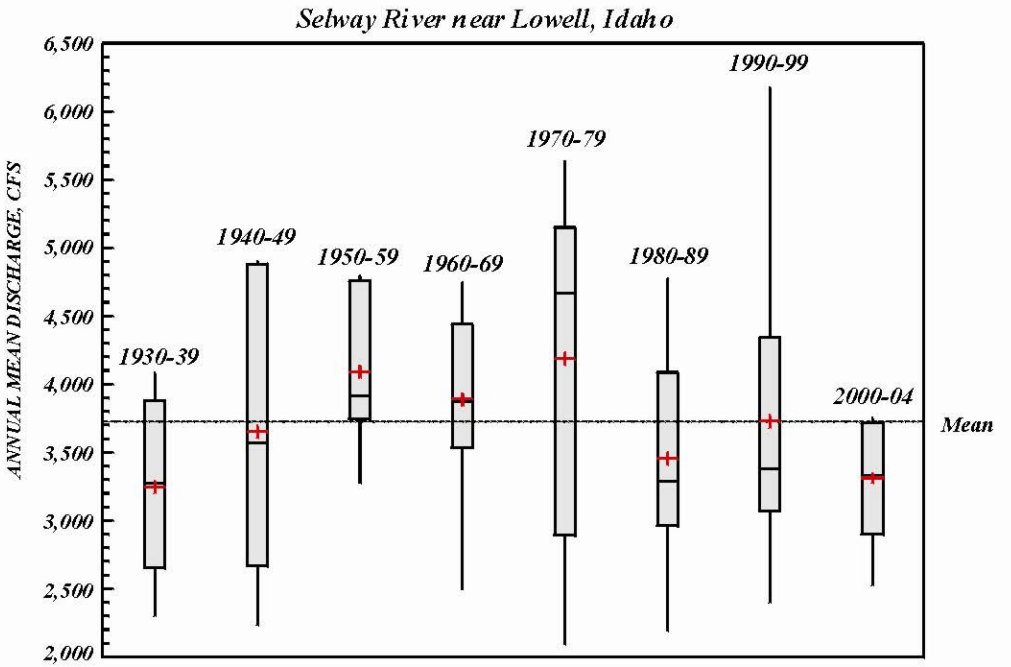


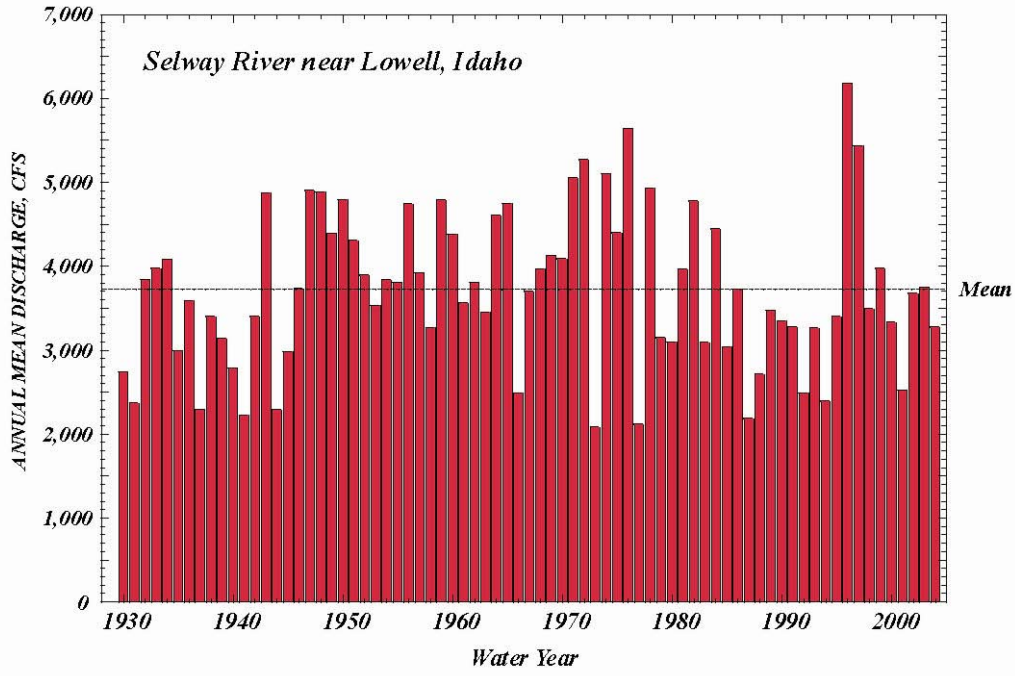




Selway River nr Lowell, ID; 1930-2004

1,910 mi², mean elevation = 5,510 ft





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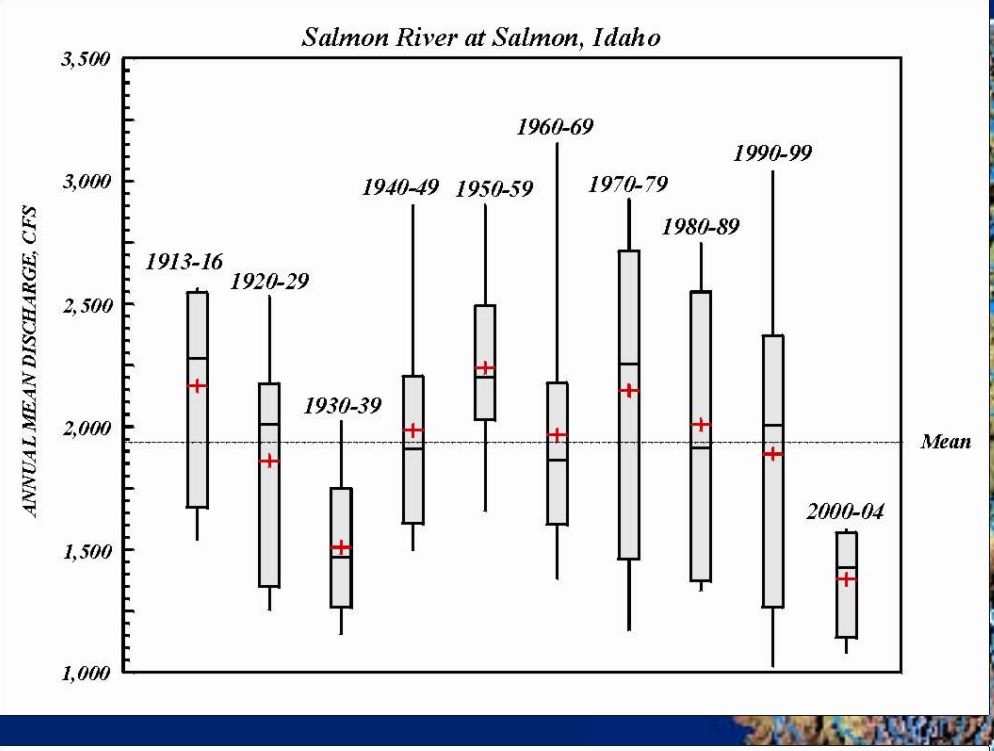
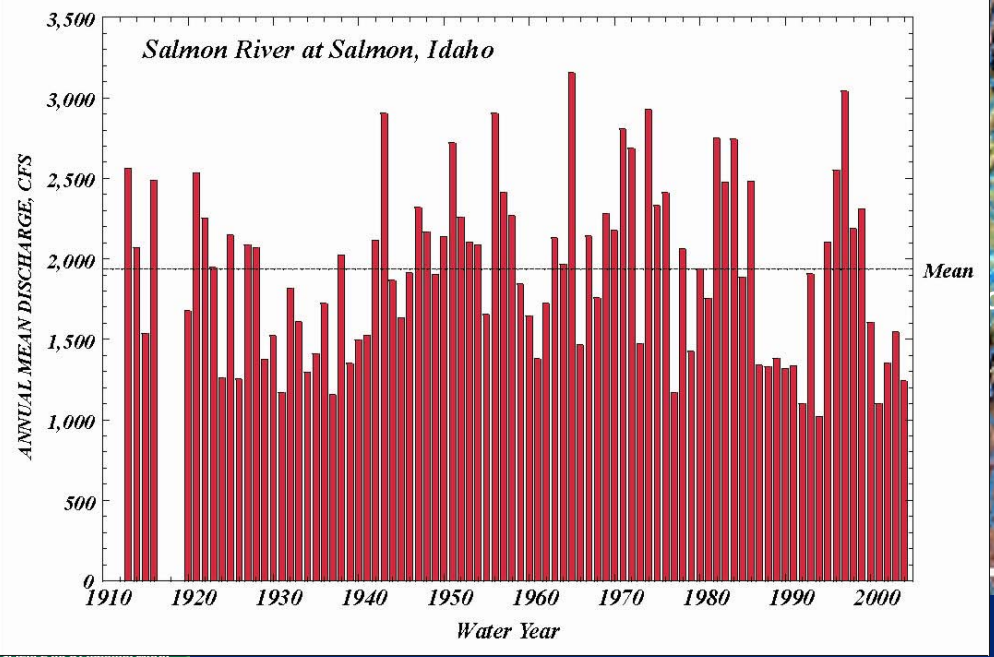

Salmon River at Salmon, Idaho
ANNUAL MEAN DISCHARGE, CFS
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
1,500
1,000
1913-16
1920-29
1930-39
1940-49
1950-59
1960-69
1970-79
1980-89
1990-99
2000-04
Mean


Salmon River at Salmon, Idaho
ANNUAL MEAN DISCHARGE, CFS
3,500
3,000
2,500
2,000
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1,000
500
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1910
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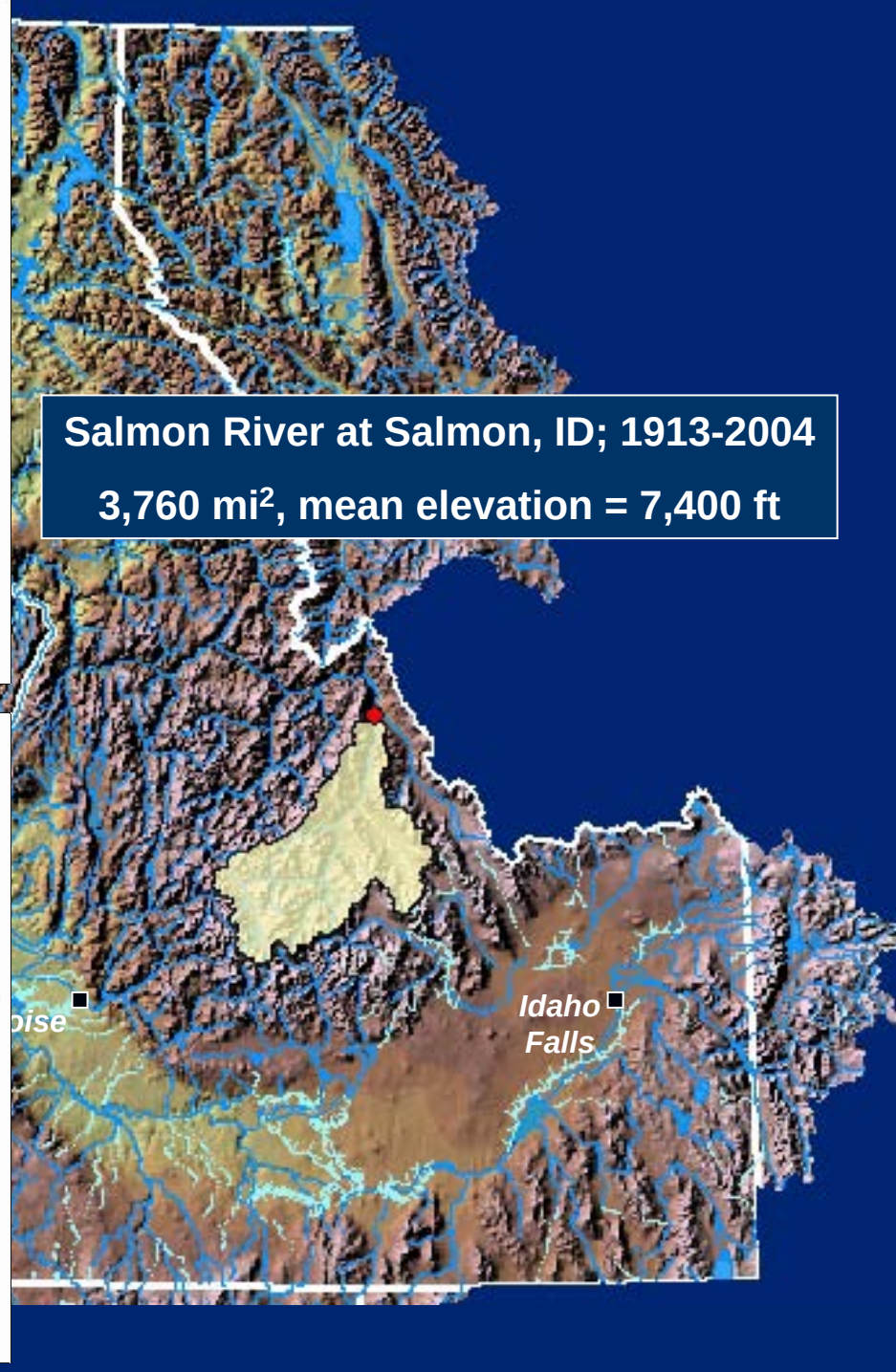
Salmon River at Salmon, ID; 1913-2004
3,760 mi², mean elevation = 7,400 ft
Idaho Falls